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QUESTIONS WHICH MAY BE RAISED CONCERNING CHILE

1. Did the Agency play any role whatever in supporting or encouraging the coup?

Answer. None.

2. Was the Agency in contact with any of the coup leaders?

Answer. Yes.

Although [redacted] provided this Agency with information on military matters and made no secret of his opposition to the Allende regime, he never requested any Agency support or any Agency assistance in planning a possible coup. Agency was also in contact with [redacted]

3. Did [redacted] ever request Agency support for a proposed coup?

Answer. Yes. [redacted] badly needed and requested Agency assistance in preparing an "arrest list," so that the persons covertly charged by the Allende government with mobilizing popular forces responsive to the Communist, Socialist and other government parties could be apprehended speedily. This request was denied. [redacted] also requested assistance in compiling data on Armed Forces units commanders, police generals and some non-uniformed police personalities who were being considered as possible co-conspirators. [redacted] was told that neither the Agency nor the U.S. Government was stimulating, encouraging or favoring a coup and that no information could be given to him.

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4. Was the Agency in contact with any other personnel involved in the coup attempt?

Answer. We do not yet know exactly who was involved in the coup attempt. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. There may be other military officers involved who are or were in contact with Agency representatives; if so, they were developed exclusively for intelligence collection purposes and have never received any encouragement with regard to coup-plotting.

5. Has the Agency been providing any support to or encouragement to opposition elements other than the military?

Answer. Funds were authorized by the 40 Committee to assist the opposition political parties to campaign effectively in the 4 March 1973 congressional election. Since the March congressional election, which was a psychological victory for the government even though the opposition retained control of the congress, the Agency has been reassessing the desirability of a continuation of support to opposition parties and organizations. To date, no request for additional funds has been submitted to the 40 Committee.

6. Does the Agency plan to request authorization to continue to provide financial support to organizations opposed to the Allende regime?

Answer. It is possible that we may do so. However it must be recognized that this unsuccessful coup may have given Allende a valid pretext for clamping down on opposition parties and their leaders and has probably improved the government's prospects for perpetuating itself in power in the 1976 presidential election.

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